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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNEF

1. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF FORMATION OF A UN EMERGENCY FORCE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AROSE DURING SOCIAL OCCASION SEVERAL DAYS AGO INVOLVING SENIOR EMBOFFS AND HIGH-RNAKING MEMBERS OF BRAZILIAN MILITARY. BRAZILIANS SHOWED INITIAL NEGATIVE ATTITUDE WHEN CONVERSATION TURNED TOWARD POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION ANY BRAZILIAN CONTINGENT TO PUTATIVE UNEF, EXPRESSING DISTASTE FOR "BEING USED AS SURROGATES FOR BIG POWERS."

2. HOWEVER, DURING VISIT OCTOBER 26 ON ANOTHER MATTER BY AMBASSADOR TO GEN JOAO FIGUEIREDO, INFLUENTIAL CHIEF OF PRESIDENT MEDICI'S MILITARY HOUSEHOLD, FIGUEIREDO RASIED SUBJECT OF UNEF IN PASSING, AND BASED ON MIS-READING OF NEWS REPORT THAT SEEMED INDICATE BRAZIL WOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNEF, SUGGESTED HE MORE THAN WILLING ENTERTAIN THAT IDEA. IT OUR IMPRESSION THAT FIGUEIREDO'S REACTION MORE NEARLY REPRESENTATIVE OF ATTITUDE BRAZILIAN MILITARY THAN THAT EXPRESSED PARA 1.
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3. POTENTIAL UNEF CONTRIBUTION BRAZIL, BASED ON EARLIER GAZA FORCE EXPERIENCE, WOULD PROBABLY AMOUNT TO FULL INFANTRY BATTALION, COMPLETE WITH REQUIRED LOGISTICS AND SERVICE ELEMENTS. AIR LIFT REQUIREMENT COULD BE FULLY MET BY IN-COUNTRY RESOURCES. CONTINGENT COULD PROBABLY BE MOBILIZED FOR SHIPMENT IN VERY SHORT TIME.

4. THERE NO ASSURANCE, OF COURSE, THAT BRAZIL WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF. PRESENCE OF AT LEAST MINOR DISSENTING VIEW WITHIN MILITARY, AND BRAZILIAN PREOCCUPATION WITH ASSURED DELIVERIES OF OIL FROM MIDDLE EAST SUPPLIERS ARE COMPLICATING FACTORS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT SUCH A REQUEST WOULD RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION AT HIGHEST LEVELS.
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